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North Fork Ranger District

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File Code: 1950

Date: December 10, 2004

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest in the Salmon-Challis national forest's Colson Creek Rock Pit Project on the North Fork Ranger District. I am writing to advise you that I have selected Alternative 2, the proposed action, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA). This decision will result in the development of a rip rap source rock pit located adjacent to the Colson Creek road (FS Road #123) 1.6 miles from the Salmon River. The decision includes design criteria, best management practices, mitigation and monitoring requirements.

*I have enclosed a copy of the EA and Decision Notice & Finding of No Significant Impact.*

Prior to making this decision I carefully considered consistency with the Forest Plan, the effects analysis presented in the EA, and public comments. I believe my decision will help to maintain the Salmon River Road to the standards defined in the Forest Plan for an arterial road. I believe my decision will also:

1. Help attain the Forest goal of a transportation system that provides safe, economical, functional and environmentally sound access for managing and protecting the Forest resources.
2. Provide, on an as needed basis, a supply of rock products for future maintenance activities on Forest Roads and at developed recreation sites in the lower Salmon River Canyon, below the Cove Creek Bridge.

This letter also serves to inform you of the appeal period for this decision. The decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Individuals or non-federal organizations that submitted substantive comments during the comment period specified at 215.6 may appeal this decision. The Notice of Appeal must be in writing, meet the appeal content requirements at 36CFR 215.14 and be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand delivery, or express delivery) with the Appeal Deciding Officer:

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The Notice of Appeal, including attachments, must be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer at the correct location within 45 calendar days of the publication of the legal notice in *The Recorder Herald* newspaper, the newspaper of record. Attachments received after the 45-day appeal period will not be considered. The publication date in the Recorder Herald, newspaper of record,



is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Appeals submitted electronically, including attachments, must be in an electronic format such as an email message plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc). In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Electronic appeals should be e-mailed to: [appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Fax written appeals to (208) 756-5555. Hand delivered appeals will be accepted at the Salmon-Challis National Forest Office during normal business hours (7:45 am to 4:30 pm) Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

If no appeal is filed within the 45 day time period, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of the last appeal disposition.

Thanks again for your interest in the management of your National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Hershey

TERRY HERSHEY  
Acting District Ranger

Enclosures